(8) A road should be constructed from Avanisvaram to Anchal. The suggested road had already been surveyed and it had been already ordered that 2 miles of the road should be constructed every year.

(9) The rent due to the Pattazhi Devaswom over and above the 5,382 *paras* of paddy required for the expenses of the Devaswam should be recovered only in money.

(10) Lands for the purpose of grazing should be set apart from the Kadakkaman reserve, near the habitations of the people of the locality.

(11) The block of land covering an extent of 21 acres and 57 cents of paddy land and of the 5 acres of dry land which lay waste now might be assigned in the names of 25 families living at Tenmalai who had no lands for habitation at present.

(12) An Anchal office should be established at Edamannur;

(13) The aided primary school at Edamannur should be converted into a departmental school.

(14) A bathing ghat should be provided near the Valiapalam in the Punalur river.

Dewan's reply.—You complain that *puduval* applications have been pending for a long time. You will have to complain to the Peishkar.

As regards the Anchal office, you will have to represent the matter to the Anchal Superintendent. He says that he has already replied to you that, if you wanted a departmental office, you should give the usual guarantee to the Government.

Member.—The Government will not lose anything.

Dewan.—If you are sure that Government will not lose, why should you not give the guarantee ? These are matters in regard to which you must ask the heads of the departments concerned.

As regards the bridge you speak of, it is a very costly affair. I know there are a number of bridges to be constructed. We are finishing one after another. I think there is a jungar service now.

As regards the Lakshmipuram dispensary, the Darbar Physician says that he had no time to go to the place. He says that he will go there soon and submit a report. After his report is received, the matter will be considered.

As regards paddy cultivation, a committee has been appointed to investigate that question. The matter will be settled on receipt of the committee's report.

132. Needs of the Kunnattur taluk.

Mr. A. Mahomed Khan (Member, Kunnattur Taluk) first spoke on the need for converting the village road from the 54th mile of the M. C. road to the Parakode market into a cart road. He submitted that the road was 4½ miles in length and that it was now being maintained by the Department of Public Works at a cost of Rs. 25 per mile. The people of the locality had almost finished the earth-work; and they were further prepared to contribute funds towards the acquisition of the land necessary for widening the road. The Government had only to acquire the land and put up 4 or 5 masonry culverts at a cost of about Rs. 3,000. He urged that, if the proposed widening was accomplished, Government would be conferring a great boon on the inhabitants of the locality, numbering about 10,000, with proportionately little cost to themselves. The Member complained that the maintenance grant for the roads was very small and that even the allotted amount was not being properly spent on the works.

He next spoke on the necessity of repairing the stream which crossed the M. C. road at the 59th mile stone at Adur. He dwelt upon the importance of irrigation for paddy cultivation and said that the natural streams in those places which were essential for the cultivation of paddy had become silted up and that the tanks formerly used for purposes of irrigation had been converted into paddy fields without discrimination. In regard to the stream in question the banks on either side of it were too

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high in certain places to allow the water being made use of for irrigation except with the help of pumps, while in other portions the bed of the stream being below the level of the paddy fields, the manure and moisture from the latter were being drained away into the former. The Member, therefore, suggested that masonry bunds might be raised across the bed of the stream in different places, and outlets opened across the banks so that the silt might be intercepted and the bed raised to the desired level. He submitted that the people were prepared to meet half the cost of the proposed work and requested that the Government might take the initiative and carry out that piece of useful work.

He next pleaded for the opening of Form VI in the Adur English School. He said that the school building, erected by the people of the place, was a *pucca* one and that it was capable of accommodating about 530 students. He requested that, in the interests of the student population, Form VI might be opened in the school at the beginning of the next school year. He further stated that the people had been supplying the school with furniture for the classes newly opened, that they were prepared to do it for Form VI also and that they had already expressed their willingness to that effect in writing.

He next spoke on the necessity of establishing a stipendiary Magistrate's court at Adur. He complained of the abolition of the local Magistrate's court and submitted that the people of the place had now to walk several miles and go to Kottarakara for preferring complaints. He compared the number of criminal cases filed then and now and complained that crime was going unpunished and criminals were increasing day by day. He, therefore, prayed for the re-establishment of the court at an early date.

Lastly, the Member represented the need for the appointment of a committee for ascertaining the area available for disafforestation and registry in the Koduman and the Anakulam Reserves. He remarked that, so far as reserved forests were concerned, Government were only looking to the revenue of the State and not at all to the good of the people inhabiting the adjoining areas. The indiscriminate reservation of forests was fast reducing the area of cultivable land, with the result that the ryots were becoming poorer day by day. He, therefore, suggested that the committee which was to be appointed to select lands fit for cultivation in the Koduman reserve might be empowered to select such lands from the Anakulam reserve also.

Dewan's reply.—As regards the smallness of the grant for road maintenance, the matter is receiving the attention of the Chief Engineer. You said that even this small grant was never used properly for maintaining village roads. This may be true. When Village Panchayats come into existence, we will entrust village roads to them for maintenance. You will have to wait till then.

Member.—There is a responsible Assistant Engineer there. Government spend Rs. 100 or Rs. 200 on each road every year, with the result that none of the roads are in good order. If all the money is utilised for one road every year, in 4 or 5 years we shall have all our roads in good condition.

Dewan.—The Chief Engineer is trying to pool the expenditure on village roads as far as possible.

As regards the Adur English School, Form VI will be opened there in the usual course. You must be prepared to give the necessary furniture as promised.

133. Needs of the eastern pakuthies of the Changanachery taluk.

Mr. Kunjuvarkki Mathew (Member, Changanachery Taluk) began by observing that, for a variety of local reasons, the eastern *pakuthies* of his taluk had not till then attracted the attention of the authorities to the needed extent.

The first and foremost need was a manure depot at Kanjirapalli, which, together with the surrounding districts, was mainly agricultural. The need had become all the more pressing now, since the people had come to realise the manifold benefits of scientific agriculture. The opening of a manure depot would quicken the new life that had dawned on them as a purely agricultural population.

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